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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed April 16, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant's arguments are directed towards Sauer as if Sauer was relied on exclusively (i.e., without Merrill). Specifically, Applicant indicates, "the disclosure cited by the Office Action at pgs. 3-4 plainly occurs before Sauer transfers charge from its photodetector 116 for read out." See Remarks, pg. 7-8.
3. This argument would be relevant if Sauer was relied on exclusively to reject Claim 1. However, Merrill was relied for a first portion of Claim 1 and Sauer was relied on for the remaining portion. Applicant does not dispute the state that Merrill leaves the pixel readout line; and, accordingly, does not dispute the teachings of Merrill relied upon to for the first portion of Claim 1. Since Merrill already provides this teaching, it is not necessary for Sauer to repeat. In the Final Rejection, the Examiner relied on Sauer from the point of view of its operation in preparing the output circuit for a subsequent pixel readout (e.g., clamping of the output circuit). However, Applicant's arguments further take into account Sauer's capturing and placing of the pixel signal onto the readout line. Again, this portion of Sauer is irrelevant. Applicant's argument amounts to an attempt to bodily incorporate the teachings of Sauer in Merrill. The Examiner respectfully notes the proper test for obviousness is what the combined teachings of the references would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981). The Examiner believes the combined teachings of Merrill and Sauer would have suggested Applicant's Claim 1 to one of ordinary skill in the art. For these reasons, the rejection will be maintained.

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Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Justin P Misleh whose telephone number is 571.272.7313. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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